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Mr. Wayne Praskins
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US Environmental Protection Agency
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San Francisco CA 94105-3901

RE: Cleanup of Mercury-Contaminated Soils in Lyon County, Carson River
Superfund Site.

Dear Mr. Praskins:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 15, 1998 and August 25, 1998. As we have previously discussed with your agency, because the project was initiated prior to the completion of the consultation process outlined in 36CFR Part 800 (Subpart B) the SHPO has been precluded from formally commenting on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's determination of effect of this undertaking. The SHPO maintains a significant interest in the preservation of historic properties in the Comstock Historic District and the Virginia City National Landmark and will continue to do so throughout the life of this project.

The SHPO understands that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been in contact with the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation concerning this undertaking. This office supports your efforts and requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency copy this office in on all correspondence sent to that agency for review. In addition, this office requests copies of all formal responses sent by the Council to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This office looks forward to working with your agency in the future and awaits receipt of some suggested procedures that might ensure more effective and timely Section 106 consultation concerning proposed undertakings in Nevada.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please feel free to contact Rebecca Lynn Palmer by phone at (702) 687-5138 or by e-mail at rlpalmer@clan.lib.nv.us.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Baldrice, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Mr. Alan L. Stanfill, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.